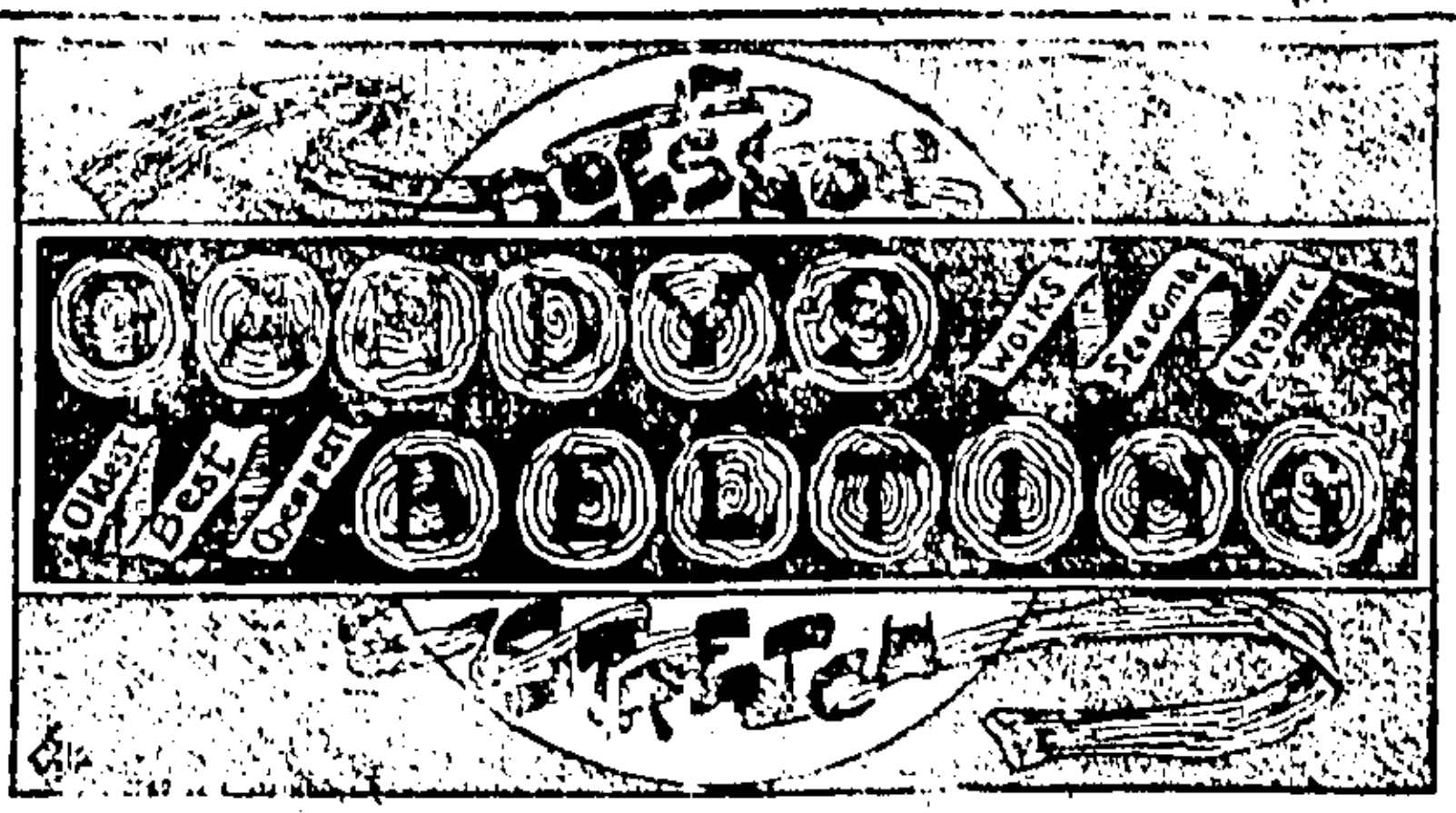


To-day's Advertisements.



ALL SIZES KEPT IN STOCK BY

SCHEELE & CO.,
SOLE AGENTS.

Hongkong, 1st March, 1897.

IN THE MATTER OF ORDINANCE No. 2 of 1894,
AND
IN THE MATTER OF THE PETITION OF GEORGE
WILLIAM NATHANIEL HAMILTON,
OF GRIFF STREET, ALBERT PARK, IN
THE COLONY OF VICTORIA, AUSTRALIA,
CHEMIST, FOR LETTERS PATENT, FOR
THE EXCLUSIVE USE WITHIN THE COLONY
OF HONGKONG OF AN "INVENTION FOR
AN ENAMEL PAINT AND COMBINATION
OF MATERIALS FOR COMPOS-
ING SAME."

NOTICE is hereby given that the
PETITION, SPECIFICATION and
DECLARATION required by the above Ordinance
have been duly filed in the Office of the
Colonial Secretary of Hongkong, and that it is
the intention of the said GEORGE WILLIAM
NATHANIEL HAMILTON, by HENRY
LARNER DENNIS, his duly authorized Agent
and Attorney, to apply at the Sitting of the
Executive Council hereinafter mentioned for
LETTERS PATENT for the exclusive Use
within the said Colony of Hongkong of the
above-named Invention.

And Notice is also hereby given that a Sitting
of the Executive Council, before whom the
matter of the said Petition will come for decision,
will be held in the COUNCIL CHAMBER, at
Government Office, Victoria, Hongkong, on
THURSDAY, the 18th March, 1897, at 10 A.M.
Dated the 1st day of March, 1897.

H. L. DENNIS,
Solicitor,
64, Queen's Road Central,
Agent for the said
G. W. N. HAMILTON.

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CANTON INSURANCE OFFICE, LIMITED.
ADJUSTMENT OF BONUS FOR THE
YEAR 1896.

CONTRIBUTORS to the above OFFICE are
requested to furnish the Underwritten with a
LIST of their CONTRIBUTIONS for the
year ending 31st December, 1896, in order that
the Distribution of BONUS may be arranged.
Returns not rendered prior to the 1st day of
March instant will be adjusted by the Office,
and no CLAIMS or ALTERATIONS will be subse-
quently admitted.

JARDINE, MATHESON & Co.,
General Agents,
CANTON INSURANCE OFFICE, LIMITED,
Hongkong, 1st March, 1897. [385]

THE HONGKONG ROPE MANUFACTURING
COMPANY, LIMITED.

THE THIRTEENTH ORDINARY
ANNUAL MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS
in the COMPANY will be held at the
COMPANY'S OFFICE, No. 9, Praya Central,
Victoria, on MONDAY, the 15th March, at
Twelve o'clock noon, for the purpose of
receiving a Statement of Accounts and Report
of the General Managers for the year ending
31st December, 1896, deciding a Dividend and
electing a Consulting Committee and Auditors.
The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company
will be CLOSED from the 8th to 15th instant,
both days inclusive.

SHEWAN, TOMES & Co.,
General Managers,
Hongkong, 1st March, 1897. [386]

OLIVERS FREEHOLD MINES, LIMITED.

NOTICE is hereby given that the CALL of
\$1.00 Cents per Share on B Shares

25001/25050	25051/25100	25101/25150
25051/25099	25099/25148	25148/25197
25099/25147	25147/25196	25196/25245
25196/25244	25244/25293	25293/25342
25293/25341	25341/25390	25390/25439
25439/25488	25488/25537	25537/25586
25586/25635	25635/25684	25684/25733
25733/25782	25782/25831	25831/25880
25880/25929	25929/25978	25978/26027
26027/26076	26076/26125	26125/26174
26174/26223	26223/26272	26272/26321
26321/26370	26370/26419	26419/26468
26468/26517	26517/26566	26566/26615
26615/26664	26664/26713	26713/26762
26762/26811	26811/26860	26860/26909
26909/26958	26958/27007	27007/27056
27056/27105	27105/27154	27154/27203
27203/27252	27252/27301	27301/27350
27350/27399	27399/27448	27448/27497
27497/27546	27546/27595	27595/27644
27644/27693	27693/27742	27742/27791
27791/27840	27840/27889	27889/27938
27938/27987	27987/28036	28036/28085
28085/28134	28134/28183	28183/28232
28232/28281	28281/28330	28330/28379
28379/28428	28428/28477	28477/28526
28526/28575	28575/28624	28624/28673
28673/28722	28722/28771	28771/28820
28820/28869	28869/28918	28918/28967
28967/29016	29016/29065	29065/29114
29114/29163	29163/29212	29212/29261
29261/29310	29310/29359	29359/29408
29408/29457	29457/29506	29506/29555
29555/29604	29604/29653	29653/29702
29702/29751	29751/29800	29800/29849
29849/29898	29898/29947	29947/30000

must be PAID to the Undersigned at the Office
of the Company, 38 and 40, Queen's Road
Central, Victoria, Hongkong, on or before the
15th day of March, 1897, and Notice is
given that in the event of non-payment of such
Call at the Office of the Company at the above
or before the said 15th day of March, 1897, the
above-mentioned Shares will be liable to be
forfeited.

JOHN D. HUMPHREYS & SON,
General Managers,
Hongkong, 1st March, 1897. [387]

PUBLIC AUCTION
OF
ONE ENGLISH BILLIARD TABLE
AND
DRAPERY AND OUTFITTING.

THE Undersigned has received instructions
to Sell by
PUBLIC AUCTION
ON
SATURDAY, the 6th March, 1897,
commencing at 2.30 P.M.
at his SALEROOMS, DUNDRELL STREET,
ONE ENGLISH BILLIARD TABLE, by
THURSTON and APPURTENANCES
Also

A QUANTITY OF
GENTLEMEN'S DRAPERY,
Comprising—
SCOTCH TWEEDS, HOMESPUN BLUE
and BLACK SERGE, TENNIS FLANNEL
COATINGS, &c., and SUIT LENGTHS,
FLANNEL, FLANNELLETS, SINGLETS,
SOCKS, &c., &c.

AND A SMALL QUANTITY OF
LADIES' DRAPERY,
Comprising—
NAVY BLUE and COLOURED SERGE,
WOOL DRESS MATERIALS, HOSIERY,
&c., &c.
TERMS OF SALE—Cash on delivery.
GEO. P. LAMBERT,
Auctioneer.

Hongkong, 1st March, 1897. [388]



The Show that set MACAO aflame
Re-opens in Hongkong
TO-NIGHT.

WELCOME RETURN
WILLSON'S CIRCUS.
OUR NEW COMPANY.

Miss Ida Vernon, YOUTH
Miss Nellie Parde, AND
Miss Alice Wallen, BEAUTY.
Miss Kate St. Leon,
A GALAXY Miss Marion Parde,
OF La Petite Adele,
OR GRACE, Mlle. Frederica,
and Mlle. Frederica.

Miss Freda Willson in her dashing & Horse
Picture Act, Riding and Driving Four
Fleet-footed Steeds.

Doors Open at 8 P.M. Commence at 9 P.M.
TO-MORROW (TUESDAY), 2nd March,
GRAND FASHIONABLE NIGHT.

Under the Distinguished Patronage and in the
Presence of His Excellency The Governor
of Hongkong.

SIR WILLIAM ROBINSON, K.C.M.G.
TESTIMONIAL BENEFIT
tendered to
BERT WILLSON,
A.T.W.O.A.O.B.M.M.,
The Popular Proprietor.

The Niagara of all Programmes.
Several leading Amateurs have kindly
volunteered to take part in this
Unique Performance.

WEDNESDAY, 3rd March,
—POSITIVE FAREWELL—
\$30 will be paid to the person \$30
whose letter is first opened by a Committee of
appointed gentlemen, giving the correct
interpretation of the missing words
after Mr. WILLSON'S name
A.T.W.O.A.O.B.M.M.

Another Event
LOCAL HORSE LEAPING CONTEST
ridden by Owners or Gentlemen Jockeys only.
For a MAGNIFICENT SILVER CUP
Presented by Mr. WILLSON
and now on view at
G. FALCONER & CO'S
Secure your Seats early for the
FINAL THREE NIGHTS
of the Show that has delighted Millions in every
Country, every Climate.

BOX PLAN at W. ROBINSON & CO'S.
Hongkong, 1st March, 1897. [379]

FOR SHANGHAI.
THE Steamship

"LYEEMOON,"
Captain G. Heermann, will be despatched for
the above Port TO-MORROW, the 2nd instant,
at 4 P.M.
For Freight or Passage, apply to
SIEMSEN & Co.
Hongkong, 1st March, 1897. [380]

NAVIGAZIONE GENERALE ITALIANA,
(FLORENCE & ROME) UNITED COMPANIES.

STEAM FOR
SINGAPORE, PENANG AND BOMBAY.
Having connexion with Company's Mail
Steamers to ADEN, SUEZ, PORT SAID,
MESSINA, NAPLES, LEGHORN and
GENOA.

VENICE and TRIESTE, all MEDITERRA-
NEAN, ADRIATIC, LEVANTINE and
SOUTH AMERICAN PORTS up to
CALAO.

Taking Cargo at through rates to PERSIAN
GULF and BAGDAD.

BARCELONA, VALENZA, ALICANTE,
ALMERIA and MALAGA.

THE Steamship
"LETIMERO,"
Captain Bellotti, will be despatched as above on
FRIDAY, the 5th instant, at Noon.
At Bombay the Steamers are discharging in
VICTORIA DOCK.

For Further Particulars regarding Freight and
Passage, apply to
CARLOWITZ & Co.,
Agents.
Hongkong, 1st March, 1897. [381]

THE CHINA MUTUAL STEAM NAVA-
TION COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR LONDON,
via STRAITS AND USUAL PORTS OF
CALL.

(Taking Cargo at through rates for GLASGOW,
LIVERPOOL, CONTINENTAL PORTS,
LYON, FLAVY, &c.)

THE Company's Steamship
"NINGCHOW,"
H. Willis Jones, Commander, will be despatched
as above on FRIDAY, the 5th instant, at 5 P.M.,
instead of as previously advertised.
For Freight, &c., apply to
HOLLIDAY, WISE & Co.,
Agents.
Hongkong, 1st March, 1897. [382]

To-day's
Advertisements.

ZETLAND LODGE,
No. 25, E.C.

A REGULAR MEETING of the above
LODGE will be held in the FREEMASONS'
HALL, Zetland Street, THIS EVENING, the 1st
March, at 8.30 for 9 p.m. precisely. Visiting
Brethren are cordially invited to attend.
Hongkong, 1st March, 1897. [348]

THEATRE ROYAL
CITY HALL

By special request
THE HONGKONG AMATEUR
DRAMATIC CLUB
WILL GIVE AN EXTRA PERFORMANCE
OF
"LES CLOCHES DE CORNEVILLE"
ON
SATURDAY, the 6th March, 1897.

This will be positively the last Performance of
the Opera.

Doors Open at 8.30 P.M.
Curtain rises at 9 P.M., precisely.
Prices at Usual.

The BOOKING OFFICE at the THEATRE will be
open on and after
THURSDAY, the 4th March, at 10 A.M.
LATE TRAMS 1 hour after: fall of Curtain.
E. W. MITCHELL,
Hon. Secretary.
Hongkong, 1st March 1897. [388]

DOUGLAS STEAMSHIP COMPANY,
LIMITED.

FOR SWATOW, AMOY AND TAMSUI.
THE Company's Steamship
"HAILONG,"
Captain Davis, will be despatched for the above
Port on THURSDAY, the 4th instant, at
Daylight.
For Freight or Passage, apply to
DOUGLAS LARRAK & Co.,
General Managers.
Hongkong, 1st March, 1897. [389]

Intimations.

CHOICE AUSTRALIAN WINES
FROM THE CELEBRATED
COOLALTA VINEYARDS,
NEW SOUTH WALES.

THE COOLALTA WINES which we are
introducing here for the first time give an
unexceptional opportunity to Wine Connoisseurs
to sample really HIGH CLASS AUSTRALIAN
WINES of low alcoholic strength.

COOLALTA WINES cannot be surpassed
for their absolute Purity, High and Even Quality,
Bouquet, and soft delicate flavor; and being
the natural product of the grape, they are
specially recommended by the Medical Faculty
of New South Wales.

COOLALTA WINES have obtained the
HIGHEST AWARDS at all the principal
International Exhibitions of the World.

A careful Analysis of these Wines was recently
made by the Government of New South Wales.
They were found to be PERFECTLY PURE,
SOUND and THOROUGHLY FERMENTED
WINES.

SAMPLES may be had FREE on application
to
Messrs. CALDECK, MACGREGOR & Co.,
Sole Agents for Hongkong.
Hongkong, 4th February, 1897. [245]

DAKIN, CRICKSHANK & Co.,
WATERS

VICTORIA DISPENSARY,
HONGKONG.

AERATED WATERS.

SIMPLE AERATED WATER.
SODA WATER.
LEMONADE.
GINGER ALE.
SARSAPARILLA.
RASPBERRYVADE, &c.

DAKIN, CRICKSHANK & Co.'s WATERS are
made under the constant supervision of a duly
qualified English Chemist and will bear com-
parison with the best English Manufactures.

Special terms to HOTELS, CLUBS, MENSES and
other Large Consumers.

Any complaints should be addressed to the
Manager.

Hongkong, 30th January, 1897. [407]

TO SUBSCRIBERS.

SUBSCRIBERS to "THE HONGKONG
TELEGRAPH" ARE MOST RESPECTFULLY
REMINDED THAT ALL SUBSCRIPTIONS
MUST BE PAID IN ADVANCE.

NOTICES TO CORRESPONDENTS.

It is requested that all communications relating to Subscriptions,
Advertisements, &c., be addressed to the "Manager, Hongkong
Telegraph" and not to the Editor.

Letters on Editorial matters to be sent to "The Editor" and
not to individual members of the staff.

Communications for publication must be accompanied
by the name and address of the writer, not necessarily for
publication, but as evidence of good faith.

What the contents of the Hongkong Telegraph will always
be open for the free discussion of any subject of all quarters
affecting public interests. It must be distinctly understood, that
the Editor does not in any way hold himself responsible for
opinions thus expressed.

TO ADVERTISERS.

Advertisements are requested to forward all notices intended for
insertion in this day's issue not later than Three o'clock so as
not to retard the early publication of the paper.

Advertisements and Subscriptions which are not ordered by a
fixed period will be continued week commencing.

The Hongkong Telegraph has the largest circulation of any
English newspaper published in the Far East, and is therefore the
best medium for Advertisers. Terms can be found on application.

The Hongkong Telegraph's number of the 1st March, 1897, was
published in N. C. Telegraph's column in the Telegraph.

Intimation.

A. S. WATSON & CO.,
LIMITED.

ESTABLISHED A.D. 1841.

WINES
AND
SPIRITS.

ALL these are selected by our London House,
bought direct at first hand, imported in wood
and bottled by ourselves, thus saving all inter-
mediate profits, and enabling us to supply the
best growths at MODERATE PRICES.

PRICE LISTS, with Full Details, to be had on
Application.

PORT after removal should be rested a month
before use. When required for drinking at
once it should be ordered to be decanted at the
DISPENSARY before being sent out.

SHERRY.—Excellent Dinner and After Dinner.
Wines of very superior Vintages. All are
true Xeres Wines.

CLARET.—Our Clarets, including the lowest
Priced, are guaranteed to be the genuine
product of the juice of the grape and are not
artificially made from raisins and currants,
as is generally the case with Cheap Wines.

BRANDY.—All our Brandy is guaranteed to be
pure COGNAC, the difference in price being
merely a question of age and vintage.

WHISKEY.—All our Whiskey is of excellent
quality and of greater age than most brands
in the market. The SCOTCH Whiskey
marked "E" is universally popular, and is
pronounced by the best local connoisseurs
to be superior to any other brand in the
Hongkong market.

We only guarantee our WINES and SPIRITS
to be genuine when bought direct from us in the
Colony, or from our authorized Agents at the
Coast Ports.

A. S. WATSON & CO., LTD.
THE HONGKONG DISPENSARY.
Hongkong, 15th September, 1896. [6]

BIRTHS.

On the 12th ultimo, the wife of A. E.
McGraw, of a daughter.

On the 12th ultimo, at No. 40, Yamamoto-dori,
Kobe, Japan, the wife of ALEXANDER NELSON
HANSELL, of a son.

At Vienna, Austria, on the 19th ultimo, the
wife of ADOLF SCHWARZ, daughter of H.
ROSENBERG, of a daughter.

At 80, Broadway, Shanghai, on the 22nd
ultimo, MAUD BLAIR, the dearly beloved
wife of JAMES REYNOLDS.

THE Hongkong Telegraph

HONGKONG, MONDAY, MARCH 1, 1897.

TELEGRAMS.

REUTERS MESSAGE.

THE EASTERN CRISIS.

LONDON, February 26th.

Lord Salisbury has sent a despatch to the
Foreign Cabinets embodying the policy of the
Government in regard to Crete. It states that
Crete should be autonomous, but remain a
portion of the Turkish Empire. Should Turkey
or Greece refuse to withdraw their forces the
Powers should impose their decision by force.

Lord Salisbury believes that these proposals
will accord with the views of the Powers, and
proceeds to explain that it is not necessary for
the Turks to withdraw from the island immedi-
ately, but that they will have to withdraw
ultimately, with the exception of a handful
remaining as a mere indication of Turkish
sovereignty.

(From L'Avant du Tonkin.)
THE BOMBARDMENT OF CANEA.
PARIS, February 22nd.

British, Russian, German and Austrian
cruisers yesterday bombarded the Cretan town
of Canea, who had advanced on Canea with-
standing the prohibition of the Admirals.
None of the insurgents were killed.

(Special to China Gazette)
ANOTHER CRISIS IN KOREA.
RUSSIAN MARINERS LANDED.

Kobe, February 22nd

Yielding to the solicitations of Cho Hei-hi and
his other Ministers, the King yesterday left
the Russian Legation, where he has sheltered
himself for the best part of the past year, and
returned to the Meiji Palace. He was surround-
ed by foreign-dressed troops. In consequence of
the excitement caused the populace only a
hundred Russian marines were landed at Chi-
mulpo and marched up to Seoul, to protect
Russian interests. There are three Russian
one British, and two Japanese men-of-war at
Chi-mulpo. The Russian landing party took
one gun with them up to the capital.

(From Japanese Papers.)
THE GERMAN MINISTER.

TOKYO, February 12th.

Bern von Gutschmid, the German Minister
at the Court of the Mikado, has notified to the
Japanese Government that he will leave for
Germany at the end of the present month.

[Our Yokohama exchanges agent, and with
good reason, that His Excellency's retirement
from Tokyo is in no way connected with the
complaint of some students that he struck them
with a horse-whip while driving in Tokyo.]

TELEGRAMS.

FORMOSAN AFFAIRS.

TOKIO, February 12th.
A despatch from the Governor-General of
Formosa announces that on the 25th ult. a band
of rebels, numbering about 80, descended on the
railway works at Hachito and killed two
men engaged on the line. The rebels then
carried away the clothes and food from the
workmen's houses.

A court-martial recently held at Tai-chow,
Formosa, passed sentences on Major Sato and
Captain Ishikawa, who were accused of cowardice.
The sentences were referred to the Minister for
War for the approval of the Emperor, but the
War Minister has found the proceedings to be
defective, and has ordered the case to be retried.

(From Rangoon Times.)

PLAGUE PRECAUTIONS.
PARIS, February 6th.

The French Government has issued an order
prohibiting landing at all French ports of any
goods from plague-infected places in India, and
passengers are now subjected to special quaran-
tine measures. The steamers Calcutta, Brank-
some Hall, and Persia have been released from
quarantine at Marseilles.

THE EGYPTIAN QUESTION.
ST. PETERSBURG, February 7th.

The Russian press is greatly incited at Sir
Michael Hicks-Beach's statement, and demands
prompt and vigorous action with France before
the British hold on Egypt becomes irrevocable.

LONDON, February 12th.
Suspensions are expressed in France and Ger-
many that the British have indeed the Cretans
to action so as to divert attention from the
Egyptian question.

WRECKS.
LONDON, February 7th.

Thirty-two of the crew of the City of Agre
were saved out of a total of seventy-three. The
two passengers, who were Messrs. Dunn and
Jamrach, were also saved.

CALCUTTA, February 8th.
The steamer Atiana, just loaded with a full
cargo of five thousand tons of rice, has grounded
on the Syrian Flats in the Rangoon river, and
as the tide was ebbing, the

THOUGH Captain John Ingles, R.N., lately lent to the Japanese navy, has to retire under the age clause without reaching flag rank, he retains his appointment as superintendent of the Royal Gun Factory, Woolwich.

LORD Wolsley, who had been suffering from a slight attack of jaundice, which prevented him from attending to his ordinary duties, was making satisfactory progress on the 1st inst. and it was expected he would be able to resume duty about two weeks ago.

It is notified in the *Gazette* that Mr. T. Sercombe Smith, B.A., LL.B., has been appointed Colonial Treasurer, and Mr. Alexander McDonald Thomson, M.A., Postmaster-General. Mr. Smith, it is further notified, will continue to act as Police Judge and Mr. Thomson as Treasurer until His Honour Mr. Justice Wile, Police Judge, returns to the Colony.

CAPTAIN F. M. TUCKER has been appointed Marine Superintendent of the Orient Steam Navigation Company. He commenced his career as a midshipman in Green's Blackwall Line of sailing-ships, and received an appointment as fourth officer in the Orient Steam Navigation Company's service in June, 1883. He was appointed commander in July, 1890, and has been in command of the Company's steamers *Garonne*, *Austral* and *Ormus*.

THE Lords of the Admiralty have ordered that the *Albatross* to relieve the *Swift*, while the *Phoenix* to relieve the gunboat *Albatross* on the China Station. Both the *Swift* and the *Phoenix* on being relieved will be paid off into the Fleet Reserve at Hongkong, and their officers and crews transferred to the *Minerva* and *Badminton*. The *Phoenix* will in future be used for river service and coast defence duties in and around Hongkong.

THE Russian Volunteer Fleet cruiser *Tamboff*, conveying nearly 1,000 men, also an envoy to Korea with presents from the Tsar, left Odessa on 27th ult. for the Far East. During the year direct communication between Vladivostok and St. Petersburg is to be encouraged. Three steamers of the Pacific Fleet are already assigned to this task—the *Kustroma*, which is to leave on June 15th, the *Katharinoslav* on July 27th, and the *Kiev* on October 13th.

THE Army and Navy Gazette says—The German officers sent to China for the purpose of instructing the Mongolian warriors in the art of civilized warfare are to be recalled. The Kaiser is so disgusted at the manner in which they have been treated by the Chinese soldiers—one officer on one occasion only just managed to escape with his life—that he does not intend to let them stay the period agreed upon with the Chinese authorities, and an intimation to this effect is to be sent to China.

It will probably be some time before the Chinese understand that the sale of prepared opium is the exclusive privilege of the Opium Farmer, although heavy fines have always been the consequence of transgressing in this wise. No less than a score of misdemeanours attended Commander Hastings' *leave* this morning, when fines ranging from \$10 to \$100 were inflicted. One man figured above all in the list, being fined \$100 for having in his possession 19 tins of excessively dressed opium, contrary to Ordinance 21 of 1891.

THE Theatre Royal was filled to the doors on Saturday night when the A. D. C. repeated its performance of "Les Cloches de Corneville." With each representation the opera goes better and on Saturday night the principals were received with many hearty rounds of applause. The songs of Serpente, Germaine, and Genieaux were particularly enjoyable and the comedy of the Ballo and his little "Shadow" caused great merriment. The chorus is capital now, and the A.D.C. is to be heartily complimented on the production.

H.M.S. *Spartan*, having completed her commission on the China Station, left the harbour at 11 a.m. to-day homeward bound. As is usually the case, she steamed slowly through the fleet with her hand playing "Auld Lang Syne." "Home, Sweet Home," and other appropriate airs. Passing the various warships the order to "Clear ship" was given and each vessel's masts, yards, and rigging were occupied by blue-jackets, some adventurous spirits locating themselves on the trucks and waving flags. Round after round of cheers was given as only British sailors can cheer, and doubtless there were plenty in the fleet who wished that they too were flying the long waving flag. For a few minutes the *Spartan* stopped under the stern of the *Greyhound* and then she went ahead again and after more music and cheering from her late consorts the *Spartan* was well on her way down the harbour, and was out of sight by 11:15. During her stay out here the *Spartan* proved a very useful vessel, her services during the late war being particularly valuable, and she did excellent work in connection with the landing of the British military attaché, Captain Dr. Boulton, at Port Arthur before his fall. Her commanding officer, Capt. A. E. Wile, made himself very popular in the Far East, and at Shanghai, where the ship was stationed for some time, he took much interest in sporting and last spring he presented the Race Club there with the "Spartan Cup." His officers and crew also made many friends out here and they carry with them our best wishes for a pleasant voyage home.

FIRE IN JERVOIS STREET.

A destructive fire broke out in the rear of No. 124, Jervois Street, a drapery store, at 1:35 a.m. yesterday, the premises, of three storeys, being burnt out.

Capt. May and Deputy Superintendent Coleman, with the men of the Fire Brigade, turned out promptly, but the work was rendered very difficult by the strong wind blowing at the time and it was only after steady exertion for an hour and a half that they succeeded in extinguishing the flames. The adjoining premises suffered injury to some extent also from fire and water. As the case with most of such fires, the origin of the outbreak is unknown. The occupiers of the premises are at present in Canton.

Insurance to the extent of \$15,000 had been effected on the premises, the Trans-Pacific Fire Insurance Company having \$11,500 and the Pacific Fire Insurance Company \$7,000.

THE BIG DROP ACT.

At Happy Valley on Saturday afternoon Professor J. W. Price made a successful balloon ascent and parachute descent. The ascent was advertised for 4 p.m. sharp and long before that hour a large crowd had assembled to witness the daring feat. Rickshaws were not to be had in Queen's Road at about 3:45 so many persons had to walk to the Racecourse. Luckily for them, however, the filling of the immense bag with hot air occupied considerably more time than was expected, and consequently those who failed to obtain tickets and had to wait for "Shanks's pony" were able to witness this interesting process and watch the flames leaping up within the balloon, which swayed about in the light breeze—and several times appeared to be in imminent danger of taking fire and spoiling the show entirely. However, the filling was accomplished satisfactorily by about 4.30 and a son afterwards the word to "let go" was given. The balloon soared upwards with the parachute attached and a few minutes later the Professor was swinging high above the heads of the spectators. When a height of some six or seven hundred feet had been reached the parachute commenced its descent, dropping for about a hundred feet like a stone, and then opening out and floating gently down to the earth some two hundred yards from where the ascent was made. The parachute came down with quite sufficient velocity to have made it exceedingly uncomfortable for the daring aeronaut had he landed in a tree or on the spiked iron railings near the Golf Club House. The balloon, after soaring well up into the clouds, which were heavily about the hill-top, burst and fell on the hill side between the Protestant Cemetery and Bowen Road. A collection was made amongst the crowd of spectators in aid of the Professor, and we can only hope that it amounted to a sum sufficient to compensate him for the hazardous enterprise which he so successfully accomplished.

NEWS BY THE AUSTRALIAN MAIL.

The E. & A. Co.'s steamship *Gilgaria*, Capt. H. Craig, from Australia, arrived in harbour to-day. For the subjoined telegrams we are indebted to our Colonial exchanges.

LONDON, January 26th. A collision occurred yesterday off Dungeness, Kent, between H.M.S. *Blenheim* and the German steamer *Blutau*. A serious disaster was narrowly averted. The *Blutau* has been docked for repairs.

January 27th. H.M.S. *Royal Arkwright*, Captain Frank Finlay, will leave Portsmouth shortly with fresh crews for the *Mildura* and the *Wallaroo* on the Australian station.

ADLAIDE (S.A.), January 28th. Every effort has been made by the detectives of the colonies to discover the 5,000 swags missing from the R.M.S. *Oceanic*. The steamer's short stay at the anchorage here would not permit of a thorough rummage, but various likely spots were searched. It is thought probable the box is still hidden somewhere on board. Detective Edwards, of the South Australian force, has gone on by the steamer, and will proceed to Colombo.

LONDON, January 30th. Captain John E. Meyron, of H.M.S. *Katambora*, has been appointed to succeed Captain Wm. M.F. Castle, in command of H.M.S. *Mildura*, and also as officer-in-charge of the steam reserve and naval establishments at Sydney. Captain John George Jones will succeed Captain Meyron in the *Katambora*. Captain George Neville has been re-appointed to the command of the Victoria Naval Staff; Staff-Surgeon John H. Thomas, from the *Dadalus*, at Bristol, has been appointed to the flagship *Orlando*; Staff-Surgeon F. J. Lilly, of the *Katambora*, to the *Mildura*; and Surgeon E. H. McSweeney, to the *Wallaroo*.

The barque *Crossley*, Captain Thomas, left from Melbourne for London, has been abandoned at sea. During a violent gale she lost her rudder-head and drifted for six days. The crew were unable to repair the damage, and she became leaky and unmanageable, and was ultimately abandoned when 500 miles from Cape Clear, County Cork. The crew were conveyed to Queenstown by the steamer *Port Douglas*. The *Crossley* is an iron sailing vessel of 1,500 tons. She had a miscellaneous cargo valued at £51,750.

H.M.S. *Florida* has sailed from Portsmouth with relief crews for H.M.S. *Dorchester* and H.M.S. *Katambora* on the Australian station. The Princess Louise, eldest daughter of the King of the Belgians and wife of Prince Philippe of Saxe Coburg Gotha, has elapsed with an officer belonging to an Austrian Hussar Regiment.

W. Haines, of Putney, defeated Charles Stephenson, late of Australia, in their match over the Tyne championship course to-day, by 100 yards.

Margie Melba is suffering from influenza and is not likely to sing again this winter. The private mail bag of the Queen of Spain has been lost in transit between Madrid and London. The bag contained letters and money consigned to the Bank of England.

February 4th. Alfred Whitehead, the Irish dynamiter who was released from Portland Prison on the ground of ill-health in August last year, has escaped from a lunatic asylum at New York, in which he had been confined. Whitehead, Dr. Thomas Gallagher, Henry Wilson, and John Carlin were convicted in June, 1883, of treason-felony in connection with a nitro-glycerine factory at Birmingham and sentenced to penal servitude for life.

The acceptance for the Grand National Steeplechase was declared to-day. The acceptors include Messrs. Gibson Brothers' bring *Dadala*, by Swilwell-Battley II, 1st 6th and Mr. S. H. Gollan's *Ch. Norton*, by Ascot-Temp, 10th 11th. Mr. S. H. Gollan did not accept with this nomination. *Starry*, by Robert the Devil, dam's pedigree unknown, handicapped at 12st 11lb.

MELBOURNE, February 5th. The Acting Governor, Sir John Madden received a cablegram yesterday from Mr. Chambein, intimating that the Imperial Postmaster-General had accepted tenders for the Anglo-Australian mail services for seven years commencing from February 1st, 1898. Contract have been made with the P. & O. and the Orient Companies as formerly but deliveries have to be effected more promptly, the time limit being reduced to 23 days 14 hours between Brindisi and Adelaide, or 30 days 16 hours between London and Adelaide via Brindisi. The existing arrangement allows the boats to occupy 32 days 12 hours between Brindisi and Adelaide; so that under the new contracts a gain will be made of slightly under four days. The P. & O. Company has tendered as usual, comprehensively, for services to Bombay once per week, and to Shanghai fortnightly, in addition to the carriage of Australian mails, for a total of £3,000,000 a year, which is £200,000 less than the present annual charge for all these services. The Orient Company's tender is for a service between Naples and Adelaide in 33 days 14 hours, and thence onwards, for £3,000,000 per year.

SYDNEY, February 6th. Cardinal Moran has consented to become a candidate for the Federation Convention, the elections for which take place on March 4th. The whole colony will vote as one great electorate. A number of ex-Ministers are also candidates.

THE LIGHT DUES QUESTION.

At a meeting of the Committee of the Shanghai General Chamber of Commerce on the 27th inst., a letter from the Chamber of Commerce at Hongkong, enclosing copy of a Petition they had addressed to His Excellency the Governor, protesting against the action taken by the Colonial Government in levying Light Dues on shipping, was laid before the meeting, together with a letter on the same subject from the Agent of the P. & O. S. N. Co. at Shanghai. After careful consideration of the matter, it was decided to reply that, while fully recognizing the principle that Light Dues should only be levied on shipping for Lighthouse purposes, the Chamber could not support any protest against the action of the Hongkong Government until they were in possession of full information as to the reasons which actuated the Government in levying the taxation complained of.

The following correspondence, bearing on the vexed question of levying extra Light Dues, was read at the meeting and forwarded to the Press for publication.

Hongkong General Chamber of Commerce, Hongkong, 21st January, 1897.

DEAR SIR,—I beg to forward under cover copies of a Petition addressed to His Excellency the Governor of Hongkong, by the agents and representatives of Companies and firms owning steamers trading to and in the Far East, on the subject of the Light Dues now levied, and proposed to be levied, on vessels entering the port of Hongkong, of a letter addressed by this Chamber to His Excellency in support of the prayer of that Petition.

Hongkong being a free port, and having secured a vast shipping trade by virtue of that freedom, this Chamber naturally regards with its jealous eye any attempt to detract from its position in that respect. The tendency in many countries to increase the burdens on shipping, my Committee trust that your Chamber will lend its influence in the direction of reducing those burdens, and to assist in preserving this important trade centre entirely free therefrom.

I am, dear Sir, Yours faithfully, R. CHATTERTON WILCOX, Secretary.

P. & O. Steam Navigation Co., Shanghai, 13th January, 1897.

SIR,—I beg to remind you that I recently discussed with you the question of the extra Light Dues which the Hongkong Government propose levying on the shipping visiting that port.

It is unnecessary here to go into the history of these Dues, but I may state that the representatives of the various shipping Companies in the Colony have already taken action in the matter with a view to protecting the interests of their principals, and that they have received the support of the Hongkong Chamber of Commerce.

I would beg to point out that the Hongkong Government are now attempting to raise funds by taxing shipping for the sake of the general revenue of the Colony.

This is, in my opinion, a reason why the Shanghai Chamber of Commerce should support the Hongkong Chamber in their attempt to have the present tax on shipping reduced.

We are well aware that only a part of the tonnage dues paid to the Chinese Government are devoted to the purpose for which they are intended, and that, although much still remains to be done in the way of lighting the coast and improving the approaches to various parts of the treaty ports, a considerable proportion of the tonnage dues are diverted into the general fund and applied to other purposes not contemplated at the time the present treaties were signed.

It is only too probable that in the near future it may be necessary to draw the special attention of our respective Governments to this fact, and request them to impress upon the Chinese that the money raised as tonnage dues must either be spent through its legitimate channel or the tax be reduced.

Should the Hongkong Government ultimately succeed in carrying their point, the fact that they are taxing shipping in the manner above indicated will form a very dangerous precedent, and one of which the Chinese Government would in all likelihood not be slow to avail themselves, as in their present financial position it is not probable they will easily forego any part of their revenue.

For the reason above given it seems to me most desirable that the Shanghai Chamber of Commerce should make representations on the subject in the proper quarters, and thus support our colleagues in Hongkong in resisting what we cannot but consider an unjust tax.

I should be glad if you would kindly give this question your consideration and lay the matter before the General Committee.

I am, Sir, Your obedient servant, E. A. HEWITT, Acting Agent.

To E. F. ALFORD, Esq., Chairman, Shanghai General Chamber of Commerce.

THE SMALL-POX EPIDEMIC IN JAPAN.

Kobe, February 16th. Small-pox is still raging in Tokyo. A hospital was opened at Komagome on the 30th ult. for the treatment of the disease. Up to the 8th inst. 178 patients had been admitted, and no room was then left for any more.

Since the outbreak of the disease last year to the 31st of last month 17,713 cases, of which 5,431 ended fatally, were reported in the Empire, without taking into account the returns from the Hokkaido.

The Government has decided to appropriate \$1,500,000 to defray the cost of vaccine required for carrying out compulsory vaccination throughout the Empire and for opening epidemic inspection offices in three cities and nineteen prefectures where small-pox is raging. If a tenth of the sum now being devoted to measures for checking the scourge had been applied annually to measures of prevention—i.e., sanitation—the epidemic would not have attained its present dimensions.—*Chronicle*.

THE NEW RULES OF THE ROAD AT SEA.

The following resolution, which was passed on the 19th January, by the Merchant Service Guild, has been forwarded to the Lord President of the Board of Trade.—*Resolved*—That, whereas by order of Her Majesty's Privy Council the new Rules of the Road at Sea are to become law on the first day of July next, and in view of the fact that the said Rules are complicated, unexpected and dangerous, we, the Merchant Service Guild, as a directly representative body of merchant seamen and officers in active service, protest against their being put into force. We regard the infliction upon us of these Rules as a grave injustice, for, whilst we will make every effort to obey the law, we are satisfied that they will lead to disasters by which we will suffer. The responsibility for loss of life or property which may ensue will rest with the Government.

SPORTS & PASTIMES.

FOOTBALL.

KOWLOON v. "N" CO. WEST YORKSHIRE REGIMENT.

The above match in the Shield competition was played on Saturday at Happy Valley before a large number of spectators, who, however, found their attention somewhat distracted by the balloon ascent which took place during the early part of the game. There was no wind of sufficient force to affect the play, but the ground was greasy from the recent rains, and, as a natural consequence, fallows were numerous.

After a little moderately fast play, during which both goals were threatened in turn, the military team got away with the ball and after a smart run up by the forwards placed it in their opponents' goal by a clever low shot well out of reach of Moore, who could only look at it and wish he had been in the way. Kowloon then backed up and took the ball well up the field from the kick-off, but the soldiers took it away from them and their goal was narrowly saved by its custodian. Some five play on the part of the Kowloon team then took place, the West Yorks' goal being repeatedly threatened until at last the ball was placed in the net by a rush of the forwards and the scores were equalised almost prolonged cheering. After the kick-off Kowloon immediately rushed the ball up and another goal was the result. After this the soldiers set to work in earnest, but failed to score, although the Kowloon goal had several very narrow escapes from being forced. Half-time was then called, the scores standing, Kowloon two goals, "B" Company one.

On play being resumed both teams fought hard for a time, and the ball travelled between the two goals freely, but without result. At last the Kowloon team got things more their own way and the soldiers' goal was repeatedly pressed but ably defended by Wheeler. Hands were then claimed and given against Kowloon, to which, however, Wilson, the centre-half, objected and as he was ordered to leave the referee very properly ordered him off the field. This caused great excitement, the partisans of the Kowloon team cheering. Wilson whilst those of the West Yorks cheered the referee. After this the game became excessively rough, but, despite the loss of a man, was all in favour of the Kowloon team, who would several times have scored but for the able defence of the soldiers' backs and goalkeeper. Towards the end of the game the West Yorks played up a bit and pressed the Kowloon goal, but without result, and on time being called the Kowloon team remained the victors by two goals to one, no scoring having taken place in the second half. The game was decidedly disappointing from a sportsman's point of view owing to the frequent squabbles, and we can only express a hope that the Kowloon team may learn to accept the referee's decision as final before they play again.

We were pleased to see that the referee had the courage to stick to his opinion, in which he will doubtless receive the support of all sportsmen.

The teams were constituted as follows:—KOWLOON—Moore, goal; Robinson and Gamble, backs; Henderson, Wilson and Woolley, halves; Simpson, McSwiggan, Gow, Sutherland, and Symington, forwards.

"B. COMPANY"—Wheeler, goal; Bind and Walton, backs; Miller, Wright and Walche, halves; Shorter, Forster, Howard, Nanton and Farrell, forwards.

RIFLE SHOOTING.

The Sergeants' Mess of the West Yorkshire Regiment competed in a rifle match with a Hongkong Volunteer team on Saturday at the Police Range, Kowloon. The local men won by 78 points, and the shooting was generally fair considering the bad light and unsteady weather. The conditions and scores were as under:—

Conditions.—38 men aside; 10 shots at 200 yards and 10 shots at 500 yards; 5 shots at each range with M.E. carbines and 5 shots at each range with Lee-Metford rifles.

HONGKONG VOLUNTEER CORPS.

NAME	100 YARDS	200 YARDS	500 YARDS	TOTAL
Gunner Shepherd	24	21	45	90
Sergt. McCall	20	21	41	82
Sergt. Hayward	21	21	41	83
Corporal Lamont	21	21	41	83
Corporal Smith	21	21	41	83
Lieut. Macdonald	21	21	41	83
Captain Chapman	21	21	41	83
Bomb. Stewart	21	21	41	83

SENEGAL, WEST YORKSHIRE REGIMENT.

NAME	100 YARDS	200 YARDS	500 YARDS	TOTAL
Colour-Sergt. Scores	21	21	41	83
Colour-Sergt. Barker	21	21	41	83
Sergt. Hamilton	21	21	41	83
Sergt. Major Westcott	21	21	41	83
Sergt. Armstrong	21	21	41	83
Sergt. Clarke	21	21	41	83
Lieut. Sergeant Toombs	21	21	41	83

At the conclusion of the match, Major Sir John Carrington, who acted as umpire, said that he was pleased to meet the West Yorkshire sergeants, and although he could not say that he was sorry that the Volunteers had won he thought their opponents were very much handicapped in having to fire with the Martini Henry carbine against the Lee-Netford rifle, and he called on the Volunteers to give three cheers for the West Yorkshire Sergeants' team, which were given lustily. Sergeant Major Westcott in reply thanked Major Carrington and the Volunteers for their good wishes, and stated that though beaten, his team was not disgraced and hoped to beat the Volunteers next time. The West Yorkshire men then gave three cheers for their opponents and an extra one for Major Carrington.

GOLF.

A three-ball game was played last week by two local cranks and a visiting player from the coast. The visitor was defeated, but the following return of the best of the three balls will show how close the game was:—

1st round—4 3 3 5 4 3 4—33
2nd round—4 3 3 5 4 3 4—33
3rd round—4 3 3 5 4 3 4—33

This is an average of just under 4 strokes per hole. The home men won by 2 and 1 up, in holes, on the visitor.

On the 6th and 8th inst. the last monthly competition for the Captain's Cup for 1896 will be played off and the "final" at an early date afterwards.

ROYAL HONGKONG YACHT CLUB.

The race for Messrs. J. Hastings and A. Denison's prize was sailed yesterday in a strong north-easter over a 17 mile course. The starters and allowances were:—*Britia*, *Maid Marion* and *Sybil* allowed *Activa* 4 minutes. *Payne* 14 minutes and *Ladybird* 17 minutes. *Maidor* and *Princess* also went across to the line, but went back to their moorings.

Good time was made at the first, several of the boats leaving to go close reefed. *Britia* took the lead, but when the spinnakers were set she made way for *Maid Marion*, *Sybil* being third at Cowadeau, where *Maidor* took her place and had to be taken in tow. *Britia* once more came up to first place, but again *Maidor* overhauled her. The race was a very interesting one throughout and the times at the finish were:—

Maid Marion 2 41 2
Britia 3 4 25
Sybil 3 10 36
Payne 3 39 31
Ladybird 3 50 31
Maid Marion thus takes first prize and *Britia* second.

THE NAVY LEAGUE.

LONDON, January 29th. The second annual meeting of the Navy League, which was held yesterday, marks the completion of a most satisfactory year's progress. The leading part which it took in the Nelson celebration last October had the effect of bringing its aims and principles prominently before the country, and of making a considerable addition to its ranks. Considering the short time the League has been in existence, the work accomplished is very considerable, but there remains a vast field of enterprise lying in front of it. The great mass of people in this country, there can be no denying, have little or no knowledge of their Navy, either regarding its constitution or its use. To most of them the White Ensign is a meaningless piece of bunting; the lines of a battleship or cruiser, for all they know, are little different from those of a penny steamboat; the Royal Navy and the Mercantile Marine are one and the same thing; the importance of maritime command is a thing of naught; it is the aim of the Navy League to cure this ignorance, and to turn the sympathy of the country on naval questions into a feeling of pride and interest. Once impressed upon a man that when he goes to the ballot he is not only voting for the welfare of his own Little Peddington but for the most magnificent Empire the world has ever seen, and he will make a better citizen than ever he was before. The Navy League are meant to bring about this change, and that they may go on and prosper make the wish of every patriotic Briton. It is satisfactory to note that no attempt is made by the League to teach naval officers their business, or to undertake the rôle of the Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty. On the contrary, it recognises the fact that the best and surest way of keeping the Navy up to a proper state of efficiency is to educate the people to become properly qualified judges of its administration.—*Globe*.

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BRISBANE, SYDNEY AND
MELBOURNE.

THE Company's Steamship

"TOKIO MARU,"
Captain E. S. Barnard, will be despatched for the
above Ports on FRIDAY, the 20th March, at
4 P.M.

This Steamer possesses Superior Passenger
Accommodation and carries a fully qualified
Doctor and a European Stewardess.

For Freight or Passage, apply to
NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA,
Agents.

Hongkong, 22nd February, 1897.

Shipping.

STEAMERS.

DOUGLAS STEAMSHIP COMPANY,
LIMITED.

FOR SWATOW, AMOY AND FOOCOW.
THE Company's Steamship

"HAI TAN,"
Captain J. S. Roach, will be despatched for the
above Ports TO-MORROW, the 2nd March,
at Daylight.

For Freight or Passage, apply to
DOUGLAS LAIRDALE & Co.,
General Managers.
Hongkong, 1st March, 1897.

INDO-CHINA STEAM NAVIGATION
COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR SINGAPORE, PENANG AND
CALCUTTA.

THE Company's Steamship

"KUTSANG,"
Captain Geo. Payne, will be despatched as above
TO-MORROW, the 2nd March, at 3 P.M.

For Freight or Passage, apply to
JARDINE, MATHESON & CO.,
General Managers.

Hongkong, 25th Feb. 1897.

CHINA NAVIGATION COMPANY,
LIMITED.

FOR TAIWANFOO.

THE Company's Steamship

"CHIHLI,"
Captain Newcomb, will be despatched as above
TO-MORROW, the 2nd March, at 4 P.M.

For Freight or Passage, apply to
BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE,
Agents.

Hongkong, 27th February, 1897.

CHINA NAVIGATION COMPANY,
LIMITED.

FOR CHINKING (DIRECT).

THE Company's Steamship

"TAMSUI,"
Captain Vaughan, will be despatched as above
on THURSDAY, the 4th March, at 4 P.M.

For Freight or Passage, apply to
BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE,
Agents.

Hongkong, 27th February, 1897.

FOR KOBE (DIRECT).

THE Steamship

"TOYO MARU,"
Captain Hayashi, will be despatched for the
above Port on FRIDAY, the 5th March, at
Noon.

For Freight or Passage, apply to
DODWELL, CARLILL & Co.,
Agents.

Hongkong, 25th February, 1897.

CHINA NAVIGATION COMPANY,
LIMITED.

FOR SHANGHAI.

THE Company's Steamship

"WUHU,"
Captain Benson, will be despatched as above on
FRIDAY, the 5th March, at 4 P.M.

For Freight or Passage, apply to
BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE,
Agents.

Hongkong, 27th February, 1897.

FOR SINGAPORE, PENANG AND
CALCUTTA.

THE Steamship

"CATHERINE APCAR,"
Captain J. G. O'Brien, will be despatched for the
above Ports on SATURDAY, the 6th March, at
3 P.M.

For Freight or Passage, apply to
DAVID SASSOON, SONS & Co.,
Agents.

Hongkong, 27th February, 1897.

NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA.

TRANS-PACIFIC LINE.

MONTHLY SERVICE.

FOR SEATTLE, WASHINGTON,
VIA MOJI, KOBE, YOKOHAMA AND
HONOLULU.

(Through Passenger Tickets and Bills of Lading
issued for the principal Cities in the
UNITED STATES, CANADA AND EUROPE, in
connection with the Great Northern Railway
and Atlantic Steamers.)

THE Company's Steamship

"TENSIN MARU,"
Captain C. A. Anderson, will be despatched as
above on MONDAY, the 8th March, at 4 P.M.

Consular Invoices of Goods for United States
Ports should be in QUADRUPPLICATE, and one
Copy must be mailed by the Steamer to the
care of the FREIGHT AGENT, Great Northern
Railway, Seattle, Wash.

For Freight or Passage, apply to
NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA,
Agents.

Hongkong, 26th February, 1897.

"SHELL" LINE OF STEAMERS.

FOR HAVRE, LONDON AND HAMBURG.

(Taking Cargo at through rates to COPENHAGEN,
STOCKHOLM, NORKKOPING, GYVLE,
DANTIC and KONGSBRO, with transshipment
in HAMBURG.)

THE Company's Steamship

"NERITE,"
Captain Daniel, will be despatched as above on
WEDNESDAY, the 10th March.

For Freight, apply to
ARNHOLD, KARBURG & Co.,
Agents.

Hongkong, 22nd February, 1897.

SAILING VESSELS.

FOR SAN FRANCISCO.

THE 100 At British Ship

"FALLS OF DEE,"
Lock, Master, shortly expected, will load here
for the above Port, and will have quick despatch.

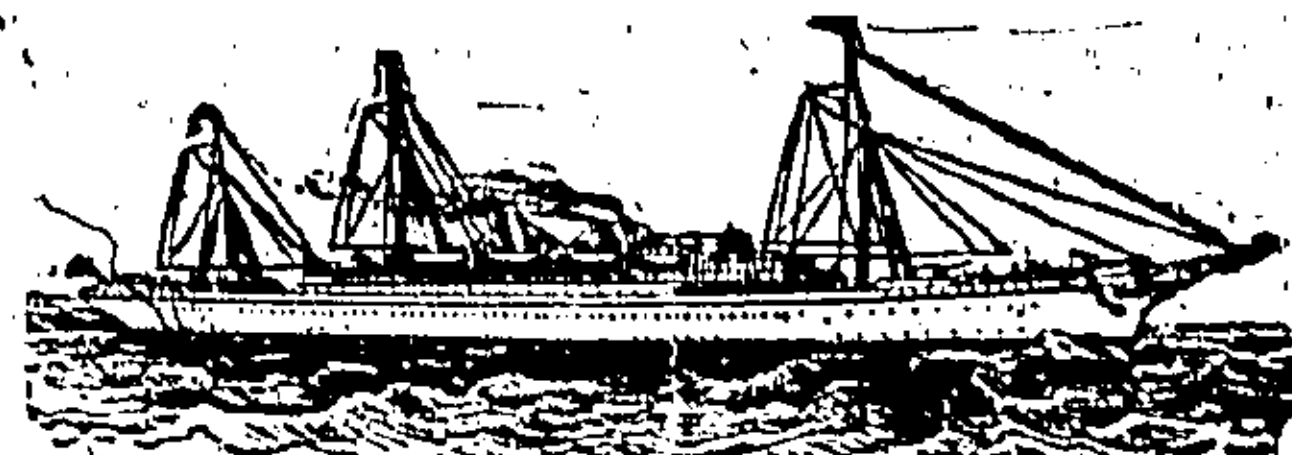
For Freight, apply to
SHEWAN, TOMES & Co.,
Agents.

Hongkong, 10th February, 1897.

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THE FAST ROUTE BETWEEN CHINA, JAPAN AND EUROPE, VIA CANADA
AND THE UNITED STATES.

(CALLING AT SHANGHAI, NAGASAKI, KOBE, YOKOHAMA AND VICTORIA, B.C.)
Twin Screw Steamships—6,000 Tons—10,000 Horse Power—Speed 19 knots.

PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG.

EMPRESS OF JAPAN...Comdr. H. Pybus, R.N.R...WEDNESDAY, 17th March.
EMPRESS OF INDIA...Comdr. R. Archibald, R.N.R...WEDNESDAY, 7th April.
EMPRESS OF INDIA...Comdr. O. P. Marshall, R.N.R...WEDNESDAY, 28th April.

THE magnificent Steamships of this Line pass through the famous INLAND SEA OF
JAPAN, and usually make the voyage YOKOHAMA TO VANCOUVER (B.C.) in 12
DAYS, making close connection at Vancouver with the PALATIAL TRANS-CONTINENTAL
TRAINS OF THE CANADIAN PACIFIC RAILWAY which leave daily, and cross the Continent
FROM THE PACIFIC TO THE ATLANTIC WITHOUT CHANGE. Close connection is
made at Montreal, Quebec, Halifax, New York and Boston with all Trans-Atlantic Lines, which
passengers to Great Britain and the Continent are given choice of.

Passengers Booked through to all principal points and AROUND THE WORLD. Return
tickets to various points at reduced rates. Good for 4, 6, 9 and 12 months.

SPECIAL RATES (First-class only) granted to Missionaries, Members of the Naval, Military,
Diplomatic and Civil Services, and to European Officials in the Service of China and Japan's
Government.

CIRCULAR PACIFIC TOUR TICKETS Hongkong to Vancouver, Vancouver to Sydney
Australia, via Honolulu, and Sydney to Hongkong via Brisbane and Torres Straits. Good for
9 months, \$100.

The attractive features of this Company's route, embrace its PALATIAL STEAMSHIPS,
(second to none in the World), the LUXURIANCE OF ITS TRANS-CONTINENTAL TRAINS
(the Company having received the highest award for same at recent Chicago World's Exhibition)
and the diversity of MAGNIFICENT MOUNTAIN AND LAKE SCENERY through which the
Railway passes.

THE DINING CARS and MOUNTAIN HOTELS of this route are owned and operated by
the Company, and their appointments and Cuisine are unequalled.

For further information, Maps, Guide Books, Rates of Passage, &c., apply to

Hongkong, 17th February, 1897.

D. E. BROWN, General Agent,
Padder's Street.

OCCIDENTAL & ORIENTAL STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

TAKING CARGO AND PASSENGERS TO
JAPAN, THE UNITED STATES,
MEXICO,
CENTRAL AND SOUTH AMERICA, AND
EUROPE.

THE OVERLAND RAILWAYS,
AND
ATLANTIC AND OTHER CONNECTING
STEAMERS.

VIA INLAND SEA OF JAPAN AND
HONOLULU.

PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG.

City of Rio de Janeiro (via Shanghai, Nagasaki, Kobe, Inland Sea, Yokohama and Honolulu) ... Tuesday, 2nd March, at Noon.

City of Peking (via Shanghai, Nagasaki, Kobe, Inland Sea, Yokohama and Honolulu) ... Tuesday, 23rd March, at Noon.

China (via Shanghai, Nagasaki, Kobe, Inland Sea, Yokohama and Honolulu) ... Tuesday, 13th April, at Noon.

Belge (via Shanghai, Nagasaki, Kobe, Inland Sea, Yokohama and Honolulu) ... Thursday, 22nd April, at Noon.

THE Company's Steamship

"GAELIC,"
will be despatched for SAN FRANCISCO, via
SHANGHAI, NAGASAKI, KOBE, INLAND
SEA, YOKOHAMA and HONOLULU, on
SATURDAY, the 13th March, 1897, at Noon.

Steamers of this line pass through the IN-
LAND SEA OF JAPAN, and call at Honolulu
and passengers are allowed to break their
journey at any point en route.

Through Passage Tickets granted to England,
France, and Germany by all trans-Atlantic lines
of Steamers, and to the principal cities of the
United States or Canada. Rates may be
obtained on application.

Passengers holding through ORDERS TO
EUROPE have the choice of Overland Rail
Routes from San Francisco, including the
SOUTHERN PACIFIC, CENTRAL PACIFIC,
UNION PACIFIC, DENVER and RIO
GRANDE, and NORTHERN PACIFIC RAIL-
WAYS; also the CANADIAN PACIFIC RAIL-
WAY on payment of \$4 in addition to the
regular tariff rate.

Passengers holding Orders FOR OVERLAND
CITIES in the United States have, between
SAN FRANCISCO and CHICAGO, the option of
the SOUTHERN PACIFIC, CENTRAL
PACIFIC, UNION PACIFIC, DENVER and
RIO GRANDE, and other direct connecting
Railways, and from Chicago to destination the
choice of direct lines.

Particulars of the various routes can be
had on application.

Special rates (first class only) are granted to
Missionaries, members of the Naval, Military,
Diplomatic, and Civil Service, to European
Officials in service of China and Japan, and to
Government officials and their families.

Passengers who have paid full fare, re-embark-
ing at San Francisco for China or Japan (or vice
versa) within one year, will be allowed a dis-
count of 10 per cent. This allowance does not
apply to through fares for China and Japan
to Europe.

All PARCEL PACKAGES should be marked to
address in full; and same will be received at
the Company's Office until FIVE P.M. the day
previous to sailing.

Consular Invoices to accompany Cargo des-
tined to Ports beyond San Francisco, in the
United States, should be sent to the Company's
Office, addressed to the Collector of Customs,
San Francisco.

For further information as to Freight or
Passage, apply to the Agency of the Company,
No. 7, Praya Central.

J. S. VAN BUREN, Agent.

Hongkong, 24th February, 1897.

F. BLACKHEAD & CO.,
SHIP-CHANDLERS, SAILMAKERS,
COAL AND PROVISION MERCHANTS,
NAVAL CONTRACTORS
AND GENERAL COMMISSION
AGENTS.

PRAYA CENTRAL HONGKONG.
SOAP MANUFACTURERS.

SOLE AGENTS FOR
HARTMANN'S BAKING POWDER
COMPOSITION RED HAND BRAND,
HARTMANN'S GREY PAINT,
DANIEL'S PATENT MOTOR LAUNCHES,
&c., &c.

Sole Agents for
FERGUSON'S SPECIAL CREAM
AND
P. & O. SPECIAL-FLAVOR SCOTCH
WHISKY, &c., &c.

EVERY KIND OF
SHIP'S STORES AND REQUISITES
ALWAYS IN STOCK
AT
REASONABLE PRICES.

Hongkong, 10th May, 1897.

Mails.

NORDEUTSCHER LLOYD.

NOTICE.

STEAM FOR
SINGAPORE, COLOMBO, ADEN, SUEZ,
PORT SAID, NAPLES, GENOA,
ANTWERP, BREMEN AND HAMBURG,
PORTS IN THE LEVANT,
BLACK SEA AND BALTIC PORTS:

LONDON, NEW YORK, BOSTON,
BALTIMORE, NEW ORLEANS,
GALVESTON, AND SOUTH AMERICAN
PORTS.

THE COMPANY'S STEAMERS WILL CALL AT
SOUTHAMPTON
TO LAND PASSENGERS AND LUGGAGE.

N.B.—CARGO CAN BE TAKEN ON THROUGH
BILLS OF LADING FOR THE PRINCIPAL
PLACES IN RUSSIA.

PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG.

(SUBJECT TO ALTERATION.)

Prussia ... Tuesday ... 2nd March.
Sachsen ... Tuesday ... 10th March.
Bayern ... Tuesday ... 27th April.
Prins Heinrich ... Tuesday ... 25th May.

ON TUESDAY, the 2nd day of March,
1897, at 6 P.M., the Company's Steamship
"PREUSSEN," Captain F. Wetlin, with
MAILS, PASSENGERS, SPECIE and CARGO,
will leave this Port as above, calling at NAPLES
and GENOA.

Shipping Orders will be granted till Noon on
SATURDAY, the 27th Feb. Cargo and Specie
will be received on board until 4 P.M. on MONDAY
the 1st March, and Parcels will be received at
the Agency's Office until Noon on MONDAY,
the 1st March. Contents of Packages are required.
No Parcel Receipts will be signed for less than
\$2.50 and Parcels should not exceed Two Feet
Cubic in Measurement.

The Steamer has splendid Accommodation
and carries a Doctor and a Stewardess.
Lipson can be washed on board.

For further Particulars, apply to
MELCHERS & Co.,
Agents.

Hongkong, 27th February, 1897.

NORTHERN PACIFIC
STEAMSHIP AND RAILROAD
COMPANIES:

VIA INLAND SEA OF JAPAN.

THE attention of Passengers is directed to
the very cheap rates offered by this Line
to the PACIFIC COAST and the INTERIOR
and EASTERN CITIES of the UNITED STATES
and CANADA and to EUROPE.

HONGKONG TO LONDON \$400.
Excellent accommodation. First-class Table.
DOCTOR and STEWARDESS on board.

HONGKONG TO NEW YORK \$350.
The Railroad travelling is second to none on
the American Continent. Magnificent Scenery
of the ROCKY and CASCADE MOUNTAINS. THE
YELLOWSTONE NATIONAL PARK route. Passen-
gers to EUROPE may proceed by one of the first
class ATLANTIC MAIL LINES.

HONGKONG TO TACOMA \$225.
Rates of Passage to other Ports on application.
Special rates allowed to members of Govern-
ment Services.

PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM
HONGKONG.

(SUBJECT TO ALTERATION.)

Tacoma ... 2.50 Tuesday ... Mar. 9.
Victoria ... 3.07 Tuesday ... Mar. 23.
Olympia ... 2.68 Tuesday ... April 1.
Brainerd ... 3.61 Tuesday ... May 4.

THE Steamship

"TACOMA,"
Captain T. A. Whistler, R.N.R., sailing at Noon,
on TUESDAY, the 9th March, will proceed to
VICTORIA (B.C.), and TACOMA (Wash.), via
SHANGHAI, KOBE and YOKOHAMA.

Through Bills of Lading issued to Japan,
Pacific Coast Ports, and to Canadian and
United States Ports.

Consular Invoices of Goods for United States
Ports should be in quadruplicate; and one
copy must be sent forward by the steamer to
the care of the Freight Agent, Northern Pacific
Railroad, Tacoma, Wash.

Parcels must be sent to our Office (with address
marked in full) by 5 P.M. on the day previous to
sailing.

For further information as to Passage or
Freight, apply to
DODWELL, CARLILL & Co.,
General Agents.

Hongkong, 1st March, 1897.